REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein and claims 21-25 are presented therefor which respectively incorporate the subject matter of non-elected Group II claims 36-40 drawn to a process for making a roofing underlayment of parent application Serial no.: 10/000,900.

This divisional application claims priority under 35 USC 120 of parent application, namely USA application Serial no.: 10/000,900 Filed November 15, 2001.

No multiple-dependent claim fees should apply in this application.

The specification and claims have been amended for formal improvement to comply with USA practice.

An Abstract is presented on a separate page herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee as of the filing date, and to provide an action on the merits.

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